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SUBJECT: FONSEC RABASA PRESS INTERVIEW

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1. IN INTERVIEW APPEARING IN DAILY EL HERALDO JAN 7, FONSEC EMILIO RABASA PREDICTED THAT IF THE MFM MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES DOES NOT ACHIEVE PRACTICAL, CONCRETE RESULTS, IT WILL BE THE END OF THE DIALOGUE AMONG THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE HEMISPHERE. SUCH RESULTS SHOULD INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONCRETE AGREEMENTS OF THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, TRANSNATIONALS, AND THE US TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA).

2. RABASA ADMITTED HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE TEXT OF THE TRA. NEVERTHELESS HE SAID HE KNEW THAT THIS LAW CONFERRED EXTRAORDINARY POWER ON THE US PRESIDENT WHOM HE HOPED WOULD USE THESE PRUDENTLY AND WISELY. HE ADDED THAT THESE POWERS CAN BE USED TO THE BENEFIT AS WELL AS THE
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DETRIMENT OF DEVELOPING NATIONS. HE ALSO TERMED THE

ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA TOWARD THE
TRA PRAISEWORTHY AND DESERVING RESPECT. HOWEVER, IN
ANOTHER INTERVIEW, HE CALLED THEIR DECISION TO BOYCOTT
THE MFM IN BUENOS AIRES AN ERROR (SEE REFTEL).

3. WITH REGARD TO THE OAS, RABASA NOTED WITH PLEASURE
THAT MEXICO'S PROPOSAL FOR ENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR
A TWO-THIRDS VOTE TO END SANCTIONS (AGAINST CUBA) WAS
MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ABOUT LATIN AMERICAN
INTEGRATION, RABASA REPORTEDLY SAID IT COULD BE
ACHIEVED BY MEANS OF AN EFFECTIVE REGIONAL SYSTEM OF
COOPERATION AND THAT THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND
DUTIES OF STATES IS A STEP IN THIS DIRECTION. BRANDIN

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